

f1 The management of these changes often becomes burdensome.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22, as follows:

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5 Generally, a method and apparatus are disclosed for providing persistent  
access to Web resources. According to an aspect of the invention, the Uniform Resource  
Locators that identify Web resources are optionally augmented to include a time stamp. The  
time stamp can be specified in the Uniform Resource Locator in any suitable format. In  
addition, variable time stamps can be utilized in accordance with the present invention to  
10 indicate a number of different dates, such as a date range or a recurring period of time.  
According to one aspect of the invention, wildcard characters and date ranges can be used in  
the variable time-stamp to implement a variable time stamp when a user is not sure of the  
date for a specific web resource or wishes to specify more than one precise date and time.  
The present invention allows the Web to be an organized and reliable reference source, much  
15 like paper-based media.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, as follows:

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20 FIG. 1 illustrates a Web browser 100 in accordance with the present  
invention, that accesses information from one or more persistent Web servers 140, 150 over  
the Internet or World Wide Web environment 130. The present invention provides persistent  
access to Web resources or electronic documents, including textual, audio, video or  
animation documents. According to a feature of the present invention, the Uniform Resource  
Locators that identify Web resources are augmented to include a time stamp. The Web  
25 browser 100 and persistent Web servers 140, 150 accommodate the additional time stamp  
parameter and allow a user to refer to any Web address with a precise target date. For  
example, the URL "http://cnn.com?time=2-2-1997" specifies the Web contents of the CNN  
home page on February 2, 1997. In this manner, the Web can be an organized and reliable  
reference source, much like paper-based media.

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